

The FCC should not implement any proposal that would lessen Indiana's Telephone Privacy law protections. In principal, the federal government and its agencies should never preempt state laws unless it is for the good of the country as a whole. Telemarketing activities have been a scourge on our society. I liken their activities to a stalker. They intrude upon our lives by harassing us at home, methodically and constantly calling us until we answer the phone. Just like someone physically knocking on our door, we are obliged to interrupt our lives, drop what we are doing, to see who it is. Why should we be forced to allow telemarketers to call us? Prior to 7 cents per minute long distance, bulk mailings were the norm. Commerce and trade can continue without telemarketers harassing consumers. Our state law has improved our lives by ridding us of these unnecessary and unwanted phone calls. Again, the FCC should not implement any proposal that would lessen Indiana's Telephone Privacy law protections.